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For : COVERING PANELS, IN PARTICULAR FOR FLOORS, AND COVERING FORMED BY SUCH PANELS

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Examiner :

**SUBMISSION OF SIGNED DECLARATION****Attention: BOX PCT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Responsive to the Patent Office Notice mailed October 16, 2000 (copy enclosed), the term for response to which expires on November 16, 2000, submitted herewith are the following:

1. A Declaration executed by the inventor referring to the application by the combinations of information set forth in MPEP 601.01.
  2. A Statement claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) and 1.27(b);
  3. A check for \$65.00 to cover the Patent Office fee (Small Entity) for submission of the signed Declaration.
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**NOTE:** It is respectfully requested that one-half of the basic U.S. National Fee paid in the Large Entity amount be credited to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 06-1378.

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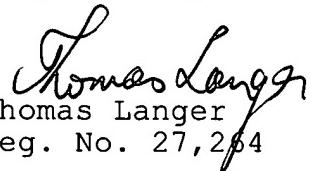
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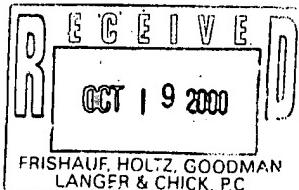
It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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| U.S. APPLICATION NO.                                                                                  | FIRST NAMED APPLICANT | ATTY. DOCKET NO.                                                                            |
| 09/647049                                                                                             | NOVAKOVIC             | M 00664/TL                                                                                  |
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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as

a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494),  
 an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

U.S. Basic National Fee.

Copy of the international application in:  
 a non-English language.  
 English.

Translation of the international application into English.

Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.

Copy of Article 19 amendments.

Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.

Preliminary amendment(s) filed 09/25/00 and \_\_\_\_\_.

Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed 09/25/00 and \_\_\_\_\_.

Assignment document.

Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.

Substitute specification filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

Priority Document.

Copy of the International Search Report  and copies of the references cited therein.

Other: PCT/IB/304, 306 & 308

2. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.

The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.

b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.

d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

3. Additional claim fees of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a  large entity  small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 2(a)-2(d) AND 3 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY  21 OR  31 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4. Translation of the Annexes **MUST** be submitted no later than the time period set above or the annexes will be cancelled. Note processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.

5.  The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

***A copy of this notice MUST be returned with this response.***

Enclosed:

PCT/DO/EO/917  
 PTO-875

Notice of Defective Translation

FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (December 1997)

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